

26 December 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Herewith are some items which I have discussed with you but which remain unfinished business or which you should know that the action has been completed:

1. The NIE on Soviet theater forces: In compliance with your approval, this has gone to press with the USIB-agreed summary and conclusions and with the Air Force's footnote with its own summary and conclusion. (Complete) ✓

2. Executive pay-scale legislation: I have taken no action on this other than alerting you to the problem. You were considering mentioning it to the Killian Board as a possible means of correcting the present situation. (Further action up to you.) ?

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4. Distribution of Cuba crisis report: I held the line with Brom Smith and Bundy and we followed your distribution instructions completely. I have written a separate memo for the record on this. (Action complete) ✓

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6. Release of 23 American prisoners: I have expressed my concern to you reference loss of impetus now that Christmas is over ✓

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and the Cubans are back. I have Larry Houston putting all the pieces together on the American POW's as the situation now stands and thinking up various courses of action that the U. S. might take to force Castro to live up to what appears to be a tentative commitment. (Action still pending)

7. Cuba crisis report: Roger Hilsman called me this afternoon with about 25 proposed changes to the final draft report. Some have great merit and others are nitpicks. I explained to him that the report had already been delivered, that it was still in draft, that we could keep rewording the thing for months and not satisfy everyone, that we must presume that the Killian Board is friendly, that our meetings with them on Friday should bring out many areas in which the report could be clarified, expanded, reduced, or otherwise made more agreeable to everyone, and that all of us had different views of varying intensity as to just what happened and why. He seemed mollified, said that he was leaving tonight for Southeast Asia by direction of the President and Mr. Harriman for 2 1/2 weeks but that Tom Hughes was thoroughly familiar with everything and would represent him.

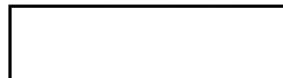
8. Meetings with Killian Board:

a. It would be extremely helpful if you could arrange to have Kirkpatrick sit in throughout the entire series of meetings that the Killian Board has with the principals on Friday. He is your normal liaison with the Board, he would be representing you as DCI and not as head of CIA, and his assistance should be mutually beneficial to all, particularly in determining those areas in which the draft report might have to be modified. I suggest you clear this directly with Dr. Killian and establish as a fait accompli so that it will almost automatically be his being there with you, remaining with me (I follow you), and staying right on for all the others.

b. Coyne called Earman to find out whether or not it would be convenient for Earman to meet with Dr. Killian (he apparently was not including the whole Board) if Dr. Killian wanted to see Earman. Jack indicated that he would conform to whatever requirements

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Dr. Killian or the Board might establish through the DCI. I tell you this purely to alert you to a possible nuance in our confrontation.



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